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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: POLS,CE

SUBJECT: LOS: SRI LANKA GOVERNMENT'S(GSL) VIEWS ON LOS MATTERS

REF (A) STATE 175304, (B) COLOMBO A-53, (C) COLOMBO A-24,

(D) COLOMBO 1124

1. SIGNIFICANT LOS DEVELOPMENTS IN SRI LANKA SINCE FOURTH SESSION OF LOS CONFERENCE INCLUDE GSL'S SIGNING WITH INDIA OF AGREEMENT DETERMINING THE MARITIME BOUNDARY BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES IN THE GULF OF MANNAR AND THE BAY OF BENGAL (REFS C AND D). FURTHER DEVELOPMENT IS INTRODUCTION OF MARITIME ZONES BILL WHICH PROVIDES AUTHORIZATION FOR DECLARING THE TERRITORIAL SEA AND OTHER MARITIME ZONES OF SRI LANKA (REF B). BILL HAS NOT YET BEEN TAKEN UP BY NATIONAL STATE ASSEMBLY.

2. IT IS HIGHLY UNLIKELY THAT PRIME MINISTER BANDARA-NAIKE, WHO IS ALSO MINISTER OF DEFENCE AND FOREIGN AFFAIRS,  
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WILL ATTEND FIFTH SESSION OF LOS CONFERENCE IN NEW YORK.

GSL WILL CONTINUE TO BE STRONGLY GUIDED IN LOS MATTER  
BY ITS PERM REP TO THE UN, SHIRLEY AMERASINGHE, WHO  
WILL ALSO BE THE PRESIDENT OF THE CONFERENCE AND BY  
CHRIS PINTO, ITS AMBASSADOR TO WEST GERMANY WHO WAS  
FORMERLY FOREIGN MINISTRY'S LEGAL ADVISER. WE ARE  
TOLD AMERASINGHE WILL BE IN NEW YORK ONLY UNTIL  
AUGUST 7. HE WILL COME TO COLOMBO FOR NON-ALIGNED  
SUMMIT CONFERENCE AND THEN PLANS TO RETURN TO NEW  
YORK ON AUGUST 20.  
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